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1. JACK HALPERN, IMMEDIATELY ON DESIGNATION AS PROJECT COORDINATOR, SENT LETTER APRIL 2 VIA OPEN MAIL TO HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, PROF. A. E. SHILOV, INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS AT THE ACADEMY. COPIES SENT VIA DEPARTMENT WERE STOPPED, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE CLEARANCE BY BALDESCHWIELER AND NSF.

2. HALPERN PROPOSED VISIT TO USSR JUNE 17 WEEK OF 8 TO 10 PERSONS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM, INDICATING THAT DATES HAD BEEN AGREED TO BY PROFESSOR BORESKOV DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

3. AFTER CLARIFYING COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE WITH HALPERN AND GETTING NECESSARY CLEARANCES, DEPARTMENT TODAY
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POUCHING FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE FROM HALPERN FOR

TRANSMITTAL TO SHILOV, SOMEWHAT REVISING PROGRAM PROPOSED
IN APRIL 2 LETTER. US GROUP WOULD NOW INCLUDE IN ADDITION
TO HALPERN AND WIFE: PROF. JAMES B. COLLMAN (STANFORD

UNIVERSITY); DR. EARL A. MUETTERTIES (DUPONT); DR. GEORGE
W. PARSHALL (DUPONT); DR. JAMES F. ROTH (MONSANTO).

4. THIS TELEGRAM BEING SENT TO ALERT EMBASSY TO APRIL 2
LETTER, THAT REVISION ON WAY BY POUCH, AND LIKELIHOOD OF
US CHEMISTRY GROUP ARRIVING IN JUNE FOR WHICH HOD MOROCCO.
AND THE QUESTION WAS ASKED WHY, AT A DISTANCE OF ONLY 14
KILOMETERS, FRIENDSHIP DISSOLVED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AFTER
INDEPENDENCE."

C. WE HAVE DECIDED TO BRING OUR RELATIONS UP TO
DATE IN ORDER TO BENEFIT TOGETHER FROM THE EXPERIENCE AND
EXPANSION, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, IN ALL AREAS IN WHICH
SPAIN HAS ACQUIRED AN IMPORTANT POSITION AND
CAPABILITY. MOROCCO COULD VERY USEFULLY TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THAT EXPERIENCE.

D. SPAIN COULD HAVE,
AS TO THE NORTH OF THE IBERIAN PENINSULA, ANOTHER NEIGHBOR
TO THE SOUTH WITH WHICH JOINT ACTION COULD BE
DEVELOPED ON MEDITERRANEAN OR
ATLANTIC PROBLEMS AND WHICH WOULD ENRICH SPANISH EXPERIENCE
IN THE ENTIRE REGION.

E. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO INTENSIFY CONTACTS, AND
TO PROVIDE FOR EVENTUAL MEETINGS BETWEEN CHIEFS OF STATE.

F. REGARDING THE MOST RECENT FISHING BOAT INCIDENT (INVOLVING
SPANISH FISHING BOATS, A MOROCCAN PATROL LAUNCH, AND A
SPANISH NAVAL VESSEL) BENHIMA SAID "CANNONADES AND MOVEMENTS
OF MILITARY SHIPS ARE NOT AS STRONG AS THE WILL OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS. I AM SURE THAT IF THE
FISHERMEN SHOW COMPREHENSION AND THE MILITARY SHOW PRUDENCE
NOTHING CAN DISTURB THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES"

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G. ON THE FISHING QUESTION BENHIMA SAID GOM
HAD TAKEN CAREFUL DECISION INSPIRED BY NEED TO LOOK
AFTER ITS OWN PEOPLE, WHO WERE NOT ALWAYS IN BEST
COMPETITIVE POSITION EITHER WITH REGARD TO FISHING OR
TO COMMERCIALIZATION. ACCOUNT WAS
ALSO TAKEN OF INTERNATIONAL
TENDENCY TO EXTEND MARITIME JURISDICTIONS, AND LARGE

NUMBER OF COUNTRIES CLOSELY LINKED TO SPAIN WHICH ESTABLISHED MUCH GREATER LIMITS. MOROCCAN POPULATION IS GREATER THAN SPANISH POPULATION THAT BENEFITS FROM FISHING THESE WATERS, BUT IT IS HOPED THAT MEASURES MAY BE TAKEN SO THAT SPANISH FISHERMEN WILL NOT FEEL FRUSTRATED. " IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP ONE COULD UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE INTERESTS THAT CANNOT DISAPPEAR OVERNIGHT." A SEARCH SHOULD BE MADE FOR FORMULAS OF ASSOCIATION FOR JOINT FISHING AND COMMERCIALIZATION.

3. PRESS TREATMENT CONTINUED FACTUAL AND NON- COMMITTAL OR OPTIMISTIC, WITH CONTINUED EXCEPTION OF YA. TECHNOCRAT FACTION VOICE NUEVO DIARIO PRAISED " FRUITFUL" CONVERSATIONS. ABC QUOTED OPTIMISTIC REPORTS FROM MOROCCAN PRESS. BARCELONA'S VENGUARDIA SAID SOLUTIONS TO BE FOUND IN CAREFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT IN WAR OF WORDS NOR IN SUPERPATRIOTISM. YA'S GOMEZ SALOME COMMENTED OPTIMISTICALLY FROM TANGIER, BUT UNSIGNED LEADING EDITORIAL RIDICULED VAGUE LANGUAGE OF GOS- ARAB RELATIONS, WHICH, IN FACT WERE " FULL OF HOLES".

4. COMMENT: WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH BENHIMA'S APPARENT SATISFACTION WITH TALKS AND LACK OF ANY CLARIFYING STATEMENT BY GOS, PLUS PAUCITY OF INFO IN COMMUNIQUE. THESE FACTORS SUGGEST GOS HAS MADE ACCEPTABLE PROMISES TO GOM. WHILE MFA HAS ALWAYS GIVEN IMPRESSION OF INCLINATION TO ACCEPT GOM MARITIME EXTENSION GRACEFULLY, WE PERCEIVE POSSIBILITY LOPEZ BRAVO MAY HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIVE PROMISES ON SAHARA QUESTION. WHETHER HE DID OR DID NOT, FONMIN MAY BE HEADED FOR SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGE FROM POLITICAL OPPONENTS AS RIGHT- CATHOLIC; FALANGE ADVERSARIES, AND ULTRA- RIGHT ATTEMPT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR FONMIN APPEAR SUCCESSFUL IN NEGOTIATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH GOM. IN RECENT CONVERSATION, MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA SAID YA OPPOSITION TO FONMIN BASED NOT ONLY ON POLITICAL RIVALRY OF RIGHT- CATHOLICS BUT ALSO ON ISRAELI INFLUENCE ON CERTAIN MEMBERS OF YA EDITORIAL BOARD, AIMED AT CAUSING SPAIN- ARAB DISCORD. RIVERO

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